

HISTORY OF UKULELE PICNIC in HAWAII

the 1st Annual in 2009

The very first Picnic was held at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park where the Ehime Maru monument stands, with a wish to "deepen the relationship between Hawaii and Japan through music." A huge rainbow appeared as if to bless our event.



the 2nd ~ 5th Annual 2010 - 2013

Some legendary ukulele artists performed at the second annual Picnic, when the event received a letter of appreciation by both the Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii and the Mayor of Honolulu. 2011 marked the inaugural International Ukulele Contest. To kick off the project for a future ukulele museum, a fundraising event with a silent auction also started in 2012. For the



5th Picnic, the renowned Japanese group Begin joined as special guest performers, which strengthened the bond between Hawaii and Japan.

the 6th ~ 9th Annual 2014 - 2017

The 2014 Picnic collaborated with the prestigious Na Hoku Hanohono Awards. Many locals gathered to enjoy the first Picnic on the Big Island in 2015. The "100 ukulele Project" - 100 ukuleles donated to local kids - started from 2016. The next year in 2017, the City of Honolulu officially recognized our event as a "contribution to the local community."



the 10th ~ 13th Annual 2018 - 2021

For the 10th anniversary Picnic, we celebrated with Boo Takagi and other famous Japanese musicians in the group "1933 Ukulele All Stars". Inclement weather threatened, but did not stop the event in 2019. We were able to hold the Picnic in February the next year, when the pandemic was just around the corner. The 2021 Picnic was held online, with many



international artists, with the real feeling of an international live event.

And, for the Future...

We believe that it is our job to introduce ukulele to the world, as well as to teach our children in Hawaii the wonders of music through the sound of ukulele, so that we can perpetuate Hawaiian music. It is our ultimate mission to build an Ukulele Museum in Hawaii. With your cooperation, each Ukulele Picnic brings us closer to making this goal a reality in the near future.

MUSICIAN



Raiatea Helm



Mark Yamanaka



Kamuela Kimokeo & Hi'ikua



Kala'e Camarillo



Kalei Gamiao & Corey Fujimoto



1933 Ukulele Allstars (from Japan)



Jody Kamisato & Ukulele Hale



Kenta Ebara (from Japan)



Homies Ukulele Orchestra (from Japan)



Dr Trey and the Students of Kapena School of Music



Honoka



Anastasia (from Alaska)



Shoji Kawaguchi and PoePoe Students (from Japan)



Kapalama Elementary Ukulele Band



MCEE!! TOMO & Jody Kamisato



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